MEMBERSHIP BRIEFING NOTE

STA COVID-19, UPDATE 12, MARCH 26

STA News & Notes

STA Business Impact Survey: The STA is looking for your feedback. Amidst COVID-19, there have been a variety of impacts on business in Saskatchewan. We want to hear from your business and fleet about how your business is being impacted by COVID-19. Please take five minutes to complete the survey, here.

Drug and Alcohol Testing: Haztech has informed the STA they are doing drug and alcohol screening for truck drivers. Their drug and alcohol program is open 24/7-365. Services are required to comply with the U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations, Part 40 & 382. Haztech is located in Regina, 1139 Weaver St E, or 306-352-9114

Canadian Trucking Alliance Update(s) (CTA)

Labour Resources: The CTA has compiled a document of information to help your business stay informed of recent federal labour changes. The document includes information from Employment and Social Development Canada, information on workers compensation, payroll guidance, the Emergency Relief Benefit, US Drug and Alcohol testing, and other relevant topics. Click here. The CTA also has another resource for you to download to help carriers review and update internal workplace policies amidst COVID-19.

CTA Confirms Passport Renewals Will Continue for Truck Drivers: Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, urgent processing will continue for truckers who need their passport renewed. All passport applicants residing in Canada requiring urgent service are directed to fill out an online service request (e-form) or call the Service Canada Passport Call Centre at 1-800-567-6868.

SK Labour Update

Collection of Resources for Employers and Employees: Seiferling Law has compiled a number of updates to help guide Saskatchewan employers and employees through newly introduced labour measured amidst COVID-19. Get updates on the difference between layoffs vs. public health leave, employment insurance, common questions and answers for employers and employees regarding their rights and obligations during COVID-19 and other Province of Saskatchewan regulatory changes that affect employers and employees. You can find the collection of updates, here.

U.S.A. Update:

FMCSA: FMCSA has provided drug and alcohol testing guidance due to disruptions from COVID-19. These guidelines are in place until June 30,2020. Employers are currently unable to conduct a number of tests, which is all laid out in the accordance, here.
CVSA International Roadchecks: The CVSA International Roadcheck (May 5-7) is being postponed and not cancelled.

Province(s) Update

Quebec: Below you will find the link to the Gazette officielle du Québec that confirms that our Minister changed the thaw restrictions yesterday in Québec, beginning March 25th. This decision temporarily suspends the mass limits applicable during the thaw period to road vehicles that are carrying only foodstuffs, sanitary and medical products, pharmaceutical products and products needed to produce foodstuffs. This doesn’t change the dates for each of the three zones, it only exempts vehicles hauling only specific goods from the weight restrictions. Here.